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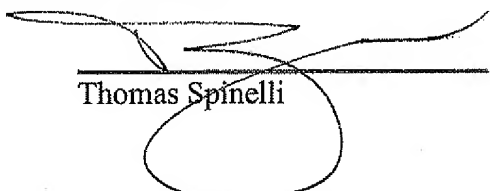
Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 20, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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